



UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO



ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

AT THE PRESENTATION TO THE UNIVERSITY

OF

HART HOUSE

BY

THE MASSEY FOUNDATION

AND THE FORMAL OPENING OF THE BUILDING

BY

HIS EXCELLENCY

THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE, K.G.



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11.30 A.M.

¶ The following gentlemen, Governors of the University, Heads of Colleges and Deans of Faculties, the Warden and Stewards of Hart House, and Guests of the University, especially invited, met the Chancellor and the President in the Senior Common Room at half-past eleven o'clock.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE, K.G.

LIEUT.-COL. THE HON. H. G. HENDERSON,
Military Secretary to H. E. The Governor-General.

CAPT. THE EARL OF HADDINGTON, M.C., A.D.C.

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SIR EDMUND WALKER, C.V.O., LL.D., D.C.L.,
Chairman of the Board of Governors.

MR. CHESTER D. MASSEY,
Chairman of the Massey Foundation.

MR. VINCENT MASSEY, M.A.,
Vice-Chairman of the Massey Foundation.

MR. THOMAS FINDLEY,
MR. W. L. GRANT, M.A.,
Directors of the Massey Foundation.

MR. HENRY SPROATT, R.C.A.,
MR. ERNEST ROLPH,
Architects of Hart House.

MR. WALTER F. BOWLES, B.A.,
Warden of Hart House.

THE REV. R. P. BOWLES, D.D., LL.D.,
President of Victoria College.

THE REV. T. C. STREET MACKLEM, D.D., LL.D.,
Provost of Trinity College.

MR. ERIC N. ARMOUR, B.A.

THE HON. AND REV. H. J. CODY, M.A., LL.D.,

SIR JOSEPH FLAVELLE, BART., LL.D.,

MR. Z. A. LASH, K.C., LL.D.,

LIEUT.-COL. R. W. LEONARD,

THE REV. D. BRUCE MACDONALD, M.A., LL.D.,

THE REV. J. A. MACDONALD, LL.D.,

MR. T. A. RUSSELL, B.A.,
Governors of the University.

HIS WORSHIP THOMAS L. CHURCH, K.C.,
Mayor of Toronto.

THE RIGHT REV. JAMES SWEENEY, D.D.,
Lord Bishop of Toronto.

MAJOR-GENERAL W. G. GWATKIN, C.B., C.M.G.,
Chief of the General Staff, Canada.

MAJOR-GENERAL J. T. FOTHERINGHAM, C.M.G.,
Director-General of Medical Services, Canada.

BRIG.-GENERAL C. H. MITCHELL, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.
Late General Staff Officer, 2nd Army, B.E.F.
(Dean of the Faculty of Applied Science).

MAJOR THAIN W. MACDOWELL, V.C., D.S.O.,
Late 38th Battalion, C.E.F.
(Victoria College.)

PROFESSOR J. C. McLENNAN, O.B.E., D.Sc.,
Late Scientific Adviser to the Admiralty
(Professor of Physics, University of Toronto).

THE REV. R. BRUCE TAYLOR, D.D.,
Principal of Queen's University.

PROFESSOR J. A. DALE, M.A.,
Representing McGill University.

THE REV. PROFESSOR E. M. KEIRSTEAD, LL.D.
Representing the University of New Brunswick.

PROFESSOR N. B. MCLEAN,
Representing the University of Manitoba.

SIR WILLIAM GAGE,
Representing Mount Allison University.

DR. A. L. MCCRIMMON, M.A.,
Chancellor of McMaster University.

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President of the Rockefeller Foundation.

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Principal of Wycliffe College.

PROFESSOR A. P. COLEMAN, M.A., F.R.S.,
Dean of the Faculty of Arts.

PROFESSOR C. K. CLARK, M.D.,
Dean of the Faculty of Medicine.

DR. C. D. HOWE,
Dean of the Faculty of Forestry.

DR. G. C. CREELMAN,
President of the Ontario Agricultural College.

DR. A. E. WEBSTER,
Dean of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons.

DR. C. D. MCGILVRAY,
Principal of the Ontario Veterinary College.

MR. JAMES BREBNER, B.A.,
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MR. V. G. LEWIS,

MR. H. A. PATON,

PROFESSOR I. R. POUNDER, M.A.,

PROFESSOR G. M. SMITH, M.A.,

The Stewards of Hart House.

12 Noon.

¶ The Procession entered the Great Hall at 12 Noon.

GOD SAVE THE KING

¶ The Chancellor, the Hon. SIR WILLIAM MEREDITH presided.

¶ The Provost of Trinity College read the Prayer of Invocation, the audience standing.

Almighty God in whom we live and move and have our being, be present with us to-day, we beseech Thee, and let Thy blessing rest upon all that we do.

O God of love, who didst put into the hearts of Thy servants, members of the Family of Hart Massey, to donate to the University of Toronto the noble gift of this Hart House, we pray Thee that Thy gracious benediction may rest upon all its activities, and upon the Family whose name will be forever associated with it.

Grant that the members of this University, both now and in the years to come, enjoying the privileges of this princely House, may ever hold in grateful memory those by whose munificence it has been provided; and that other citizens of our Dominion, inspired by Thee and stimulated by the splendid liberality to which this House bears enduring witness, may with like liberality devote their wealth and talents to the public good.

Grant that the beneficent purposes the donors had in view may be worthily fulfilled, through all the years to come, to the lasting good of the youth of the land, and to the glory of Thy name.

And unto us all grant, we pray Thee, such a sense of the manifold blessings Thou hast bestowed so richly upon our country, that we may go about our daily work with grateful hearts, and show forth our thankfulness by seeking to build up our University and this whole Dominion upon the sure foundation of righteousness and brotherly love, to the honour and glory of Thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

¶ An address, which follows, was read by the Vice-Chairman of the Massey Foundation, MR. VINCENT MASSEY, M.A.

May it please Your Excellency:

Mr. Chancellor, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is my agreeable duty on behalf of the Massey Foundation, on this occasion, to explain the origins of this building and to express the purposes which it is hoped that Hart House will serve.

Before doing so, may I take this opportunity of expressing to you, Your Excellency, our great pleasure that you have been able to honour this occasion with your presence. The University of Toronto is happy to count you as one of its most distinguished honorary members, and if I may be permitted, I would express the hope that the ceremonial key of the building, which will shortly pass into your possession, will symbolise the closest relation, in the future, between yourself and this House, and that you may find occasion in time to come, in a figurative sense at least, to put your key to use.

The project of Hart House was conceived in 1910, when it became evident that the Young Men's Christian Association stood in need of better rooms and that the Undergraduate body required quarters in the nature of a club.

To meet these needs the Executors of the Estate of Mr. Hart Massey, of Toronto, offered to give to the University a building which would serve as a Memorial to the founder of the trust, and bear his name. This offer was accepted and construction commenced in 1911.

Owing to the war, Hart House developed slowly, but the pause in its erection gave an opportunity to widen its scope. It is perhaps not incorrect to say that the House as it now stands is intended to represent the sum of those activities of the student, which lie outside the curriculum. These activities are not unimportant; indeed, I would submit, Sir, that the truest education requires that the discipline of the class-room should be generously supplemented by the enjoyment, in the fullest measure, of a common life. A common life, of course, presupposes common ground. At this University it happens that but a very small proportion of the students can enjoy the advantages of the community life provided by a college. It is perhaps unlikely that we shall ever see in Toronto a completely developed collegiate system. But even if this were the outcome, there would still be the need, indeed the greater need, for the unifying force which it is one purpose of this institution to introduce into the University.

Hart House, in one sense, may be described as a Students' Club, but the purpose of the House is wider. It is greatly to be hoped that this place from the many angles at which it touches the life of the student, will exert an influence of the most positive nature, in giving him a real sense of membership in an academic family, and in making him conscious of a very noble tradition, which it is his duty and his privilege to maintain.

Furthermore, let us hope that not only will the House serve the interests of the active members of the University of Toronto, teachers as well as undergraduates, but that

it may help to bridge the gulf of time and space which too often separates the graduate from his University. Here will be a place where the present and the past generations may meet, and here, let us hope, may be fostered the lasting loyalty and the *esprit de corps* which are essential to the welfare of any seat of learning.

This House has been built for the men of the University, and save for special occasions will be reserved for their use. May I explain here, lest misunderstandings arise, that this condition was due in no sense to a lack of appreciation of the benefits of the co-educational system—a system which is so firmly established and vindicated as to require no defence—but entirely to the fact, quite as little in need of explanation, that the purpose of this building could not be achieved were it to be occupied jointly by men and women.

It is a source of profound gratification, Sir, to anyone associated with Hart House, that the building during the years of the war, was able to make some contribution to the cause which, at the time, stood of paramount importance. From the autumn of 1914 until a few months ago, the structure was used for military purposes, and for some years when construction was all but suspended, it was almost entirely occupied by Military Training Schools. On the south façade are carved the devices of the principal units which occupied the building; the Officers' Training Corps and Overseas Training Company of this University, the District School of Musketry, a Cadet School of the Royal Air Force, and a unit of the Canadian Army Medical Corps. Of those who passed through these schools there were many who, had they returned, would have enriched the life of this place. We may remember them along with the great company to whose memory we do especial honour to-day.

It is a very great pleasure to be able to pay some small tribute to the work of the Architects, Mr. Henry Sproatt

and his colleague Mr. Ernest Rolph. One finds it difficult to overstate the idealism and the devotion which both these gentlemen have applied to their task. Their object was the creation of a work of art in the true sense, but they never failed to strike that fine balance between beauty of design and utility of purpose, the achievement of which is one of the major problems of architecture. Their enthusiasm, energy and patience in this work have been unbroken.

I would not forget, too, to refer to those individuals and firms who have sympathetically co-operated with the architects, and under their inspiration, have produced the actual fabric. On the imaginative, as well as on the purely structural side, the execution of this work has been most painstaking and entirely conscientious.

If the direction of the building was sincere, the workmanship has been no less so. It too often happens in these days that the pleasure of self-expression has passed from manual work. On this structure, due both to the length of the period during which it was in process, and to the nature of the work itself, it was possible to preserve something of the spirit of individual achievement, which is associated with another age. The craftsmen on the building, and I use this honourable term advisedly, have shown both corporately and individually, that the mediaeval joy of creation has not entirely passed. It is a satisfaction to know that, save for one or two instances, they were all Canadian citizens.

Hart House passes to-day, Sir, from the phase of preparation to that of accomplishment; from the period of anticipation to that of fulfillment. The work is done and the House stands a completed thing. But with the last blow of the hammer the building is finished in only one sense. The bricks and mortar are but the bones; the community of Hart House must provide the spirit. But

I have no fear, Sir, for what may be called, in its widest sense, the spiritual side of the House. The institution has been organized on an ordered plan; presiding over its fortunes is a gentleman, on whose appointment as Warden of the House, the University is to be congratulated; and associated with the Warden, in his task of administration, are a group of men, whose leadership in many departments of student life, will give the fabric coherence, symmetry and a genuine purpose. I make no doubt that the building through the personalities which alone can give it vitality, will take its part in what must perhaps be the supreme function of a University, the development of individual character.

Perhaps, Sir, in closing I can do no better than to quote from the commemorative inscription shortly to be unveiled by His Excellency, which sets forth in formal terms the purpose of this place:

"The Prayer of the Founders is, that Hart House, under the guidance of its Warden, may serve, in the generations to come, the highest interests of this University by drawing into a common fellowship the members of the several Colleges and Faculties, and by gathering into a true society, the teacher and the student, the graduate and the undergraduate; further, that the members of Hart House may discover within its walls the true education that is to be found in good fellowship, in friendly disputation and debate, in the conversation of wise and earnest men, in music, pictures and the play, in the casual book, in sports and games and the mastery of the body; and lastly, that just as in the days of war, this House was devoted to the training in arms of the young soldier, so in the time of peace its halls may be dedicated to the task of arming youth with strength and suppleness of limb, with clarity of mind and depth of understanding, and with a spirit of true religion and high endeavour."

¶ The Key of Hart House was received by the Chairman of the Foundation, MR. CHESTER D. MASSEY, from MR. HENRY SPROATT and MR. ERNEST ROLPH, the Architects of the Building, and was presented with the following statement to the Chairman of the Board of Governors, SIR EDMUND WALKER, C.V.O., LL.D.

I have great pleasure on behalf of the Massey Foundation in presenting the key of this House to Sir Edmund Walker, Chairman of the Board of Governors, thus transferring the property to the University of Toronto.

¶ The Chairman of the Board of Governors accepted the gift of Hart House on behalf of the University and read an address which follows:

It is my great privilege as Chairman of the Board of Governors to receive these keys as the evidence of the gift to the University of Toronto by the Massey Foundation of the establishment, covering so many activities in the lives of the men students and graduates and of the faculty, which is to be known for all time as Hart House. The building is to commemorate one of the builders of Canada, Mr. Hart A. Massey, and I can imagine no more useful or more suitable memorial.

I recall the meeting in the President's office, at which Mr. Chester Massey offered to erect a building to supply the needs of the University in the form of a Students' Union and suitable premises for the University Y.M.C.A., and I remember that he desired to be assured that the authorities of the University recognized the need for such a building. This assurance was given very fervently indeed and Mr. Massey then offered to spend on these structures an amount of money which we thought splendidly generous,

but which had but a very small relation to what the final outcome must have been.

I had the pleasure of being made a member of the committee, having in charge the various plans in connection with what was really a great architectural enterprise and I recall no instance in which any suggested cheaper or easier manner of dealing with a difficult detail was accepted. Nothing was allowed to mar or lessen the determination to reach as perfect a structure as was possible. As one new idea after another of forms of usefulness or of added beauty were suggested, they were adopted and as a result we have one of the most complete examples of University machinery and one of the most beautiful academic buildings in the world.

For this result, apart from our gratitude to the Massey Foundation, we have to thank Mr. Chester Massey and his sister, Mrs. Massey Treble—who unfortunately did not live to see this wonderful addition to her own splendid gift to the University—for much more than mere Trusteeship in the Massey Foundation; indeed Mr. Chester Massey's intense interest and unmeasured generosity in adopting each new feature in a great conception, alone made the gift in its present form possible. For the share of Mr. Vincent Massey and his wife in the enterprise there is no measure of praise which seems sufficient. To every feature, every new proposal, every detail, they have given such careful study as is not often met in the construction of any semi-public building and, without detracting from the share of the architects, we can readily understand how greatly the structure has gained by their loving and generous concern.

In closing may I add the thanks, not merely of the University but of our citizens, to Mr. Sproatt and Mr. Rolph for adding to the attractions of Toronto one perfect example of a great style in architecture.

¶ The Key was then presented to His Excellency the DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE, K.G., who declared the Building open and read an Address, which follows in part:

We are, indeed, grateful to those who in the first place were inspired by the requirement and the need, who had the opportunity and capacity for doing it, and who with skilled and wise assistance were able to turn a generous impulse into a very beautiful building, in which we find ourselves to-day. It marks a great epoch not only in university life, but it marks a very great epoch also in the sense of responsibility, and sense of duty, not only to your University, but to your country.

In view of the splendid part that you have played in the war it is most appropriate that this ceremony should take place on the first anniversary of the signing of the Armistice.

To-day we are celebrating the formal opening of a building which in itself will stand a credit for all time to the University and to those who made it possible for the University to have it. One is on safe ground when one prophesies that as Canada goes on progressing, achieving even greater results than she has achieved in the past, this University and this building will play a strengthening and inspiring part in that development.

¶ The President of the University, SIR ROBERT FALCONER, K.C.M.G., LL.D., presented to the Chancellor the Warden of Hart House, MR. WALTER FLETCHER BOWLES, B.A.

MR. CHANCELLOR:

I have the honour to introduce to you the Warden of Hart House, MR. WALTER FLETCHER BOWLES, B.A., of this University. Upon the Warden of Hart House will depend in large measure the realisation of the purpose of

the gift. He will give direction to many of the varied activities of this House, and as Chairman of the Board of Stewards he will have the responsibility of instituting such measures and creating such an atmosphere as will make a healthy social life among the members of Hart House. What we have known of MR. BOWLES as an undergraduate, as a member of the Officers Training Company, and as an officer in the First Tank Battalion Overseas is sufficient ground for our belief that as first Warden he will fulfil the duties of the office with much success.

¶ The President of Victoria College read the Prayer of Dedication, the audience standing.

Almighty God, we beseech Thee to accept at our hands, unworthy though they be, this building erected to Thy greater glory and designated unto the good of this University. Thou art the source and the abiding home of all strength and beauty and in Thee are the springs of all knowledge and goodness. That our young men in the University may the more perfectly keep their bodies in Health, in Temperance and in Chastity, that by mutual intercourse they may develop their minds in the love of truth, and by fellowship together grow in moral feeling and in social sympathy, the trustees of a large public benefaction have erected this building. They who thus give and they who receive would now dedicate this place and all its appointments unto Thee, O God, without whom nothing is good or fair or prosperous, praying that all those things which minister to the welfare of our University may find here shelter and nourishment.

May the life of this institution be so ordered under Thy blessing and guidance that the memories of this place shall be to the many students who go forth from its fellowship an inspiration in after years to high and useful endeavour. Grant, O Lord, that those who enjoy the

advantages here afforded may so give themselves in unselfish devotion to the great common causes of this land that a good tradition of public service may become the rich heritage of those who shall be their successors in the large fraternity of these Halls.

And since we are sinful folk and prone to misuse our best blessing we pray that nothing injurious to fine feeling and a good conscience may be permitted to dwell here. May false speaking and deceitful friendship be unknown but may love without dissimulation and brave and generous comradeship abound.

Under Thy good Providence Thy servants, who these several years have laboured with mind and heart and hand, devoting to this end the skill and the gifts Thou didst give them, have brought their enterprise to this happy consummation, fulfilling their own dreams and hopes and purposes, and now unto Thee, to whom belongeth all things good and fair, lift we up our hearts in praise and thanksgiving, humbly beseeching Thee to accept this our offering in the name of Thy Son.

Amen.

The Procession then left the Great Hall and moved to the Dedicatory Tablet in the South Corridor; the Tablet was unveiled, and the East Door was unlocked by His Excellency to signify the formal Opening of the House.

¶ Here follows the text of the Inscription which was unveiled by His Excellency:

This House, called Hart House, was built between the years MCMXI and MCMXIX by the Estate of Hart Almerrin Massey of this city, and in his memory, his Executors being Chester Daniel Massey, Esq., a Governor

of this University, and Vincent Massey, Esq., M.A. (Oxon.), Dean of Residence, Victoria College, of whom the latter directed the creation of this House, and was given in the year MCMXIX for the perpetual use, enjoyment and benefit of all men who shall be members, graduate as well as undergraduate of this University, George V. being King, Victor, 9th Duke of Devonshire, K.G., Governor-General of Canada; the Hon. Sir William Meredith, Kt., LL.D., Chief Justice of Ontario, Chancellor; Sir Edmund Walker, C.V.O., LL.D., D.C.L., Chairman of the Board of Governors; and Sir Robert Falconer, K.C.M.G., M.A., Litt.D., LL.D., President of this University; in which same year, and before the gift of Hart House was made, the said Estate was incorporated as the Massey Foundation, the several Directors thereof being the two Executors of the Estate, together with Thomas Findley, Esq., William Lawson Grant, Esq., M.A. (Oxon.), and Raymond Hart Massey, Esq.

The Architects of this House were Henry Sproatt, R.C.A., and Ernest Ross Rolph, Esquires. The fabric was wrought by craftsmen of this city.

Throughout the years of the Great War the building was used by the Government of Canada and also by the Royal Air Force to house certain Military Schools; herein officers, non-commissioned officers and men, were trained for service abroad in His Majesty's armies, and women received instruction in the care of the wounded; herein also there was prosecuted for many months the work of restoring to health men disabled by wounds or sickness.

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